

she must not be unmindful of her own. How severely the want of adequate means for the furtherance of these great objects is felt by us, all know and admit; and how rapidly works and institutions of these kinds, dear to the policy, and vital to the interests of our State, might be made to advance, had we at command our just portion of the redundant resources of the Federal Government, derived from the Public Lands, will be at once perceived. It cannot therefore be expected, that we should be passive or indifferent to any schemes of policy calculated to cut off this source of revenue, by disposing of the public domain in any manner in the benefits and advantages of which, we would not be admitted to a full and fair participation.

Perfectly assured of your ability and disposition, to discharge, with honor to yourselves and advantage to our common constituents, the high trusts confided to you,

We have the honor to be,

With the highest consideration, and most

perfect respect, your obedient servants,

JAMES THOMAS